

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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# SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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No. 9.

HOUSE.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND THIRTY-SEVEN.

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AN ACT providing for the removal of the seat of Govern-  
ment from Augusta to Portland.

[NEW DRAFT.]

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House  
2 of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That it  
3 shall be and hereby is made the duty of the Aldermen  
4 of the several cities, the selectmen of the several  
5 towns, and assessors of the several plantations in this  
6 State, to insert in their warrants calling city, town and  
7 plantation meetings for the choice of State officers,  
8 on the second Monday of September next, an article re-  
9 quiring the legal voters in their respective cities, towns*

10 and plantations, to give in their votes on the following  
 11 question, to wit, "Is it expedient that the seat of  
 12 Government be removed from Augusta and established  
 13 at Portland." And it shall be the duty of the presi-  
 14 ding officers at said meetings to call upon the voters  
 15 in their respective cities, towns and plantations to  
 16 give in their votes on said question; all those voting  
 17 in the affirmative to give in their ballots with the word  
 18 *Yes* written or printed thereon, and all those voting in  
 19 the negative to give in their ballots with the word *No*  
 20 written or printed thereon; and all city, town and  
 21 plantation officers whose duty it is to receive, sort,  
 22 count, declare, certify and seal up the votes for Gov-  
 23 ernor, shall receive, sort, count, declare, certify and  
 24 seal up the votes given in on said question in the same  
 25 manner as the votes for Governor are received, sorted,  
 26 counted, declared, certified and sealed up, and it shall  
 27 be the duty of the city, town and plantation clerks to  
 28 make a record thereof, and transmit a return of said  
 29 votes to the Secretary of State within thirty days next  
 30 after the time of said meeting.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Governor  
 2 and Council shall in the month of October next open  
 3 and examine said returns, and if it shall thereupon  
 4 appear that a majority of the votes given in are in  
 5 favor of such removal, then in such case, and provided  
 6 satisfactory obligation be given to the Governor and  
 7 Council, on or before the tenth day of November next,  
 8 that suitable and convenient accommodations shall be

9 furnished in Portland for the legislature and the execu-  
10 tive offices and all the departments connected with  
11 the Government free of expense to the State, so long  
12 as the seat of Government shall remain at Portland,  
13 the Governor shall issue his proclamation, that the  
14 seat of government is established at Portland and the  
15 next ensuing Legislature is to be convened there for  
16 the transaction of business, at the time prescribed by  
17 the Constitution.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Secretary  
2 of State shall cause this Act to be published in all the  
3 weekly newspapers printed in the State six weeks  
4 successively, the first publication to be not more than  
5 ten weeks prior to the first day of September next and  
6 the last publication to be previous to said first day of  
7 September; and also cause a copy of this Act with  
8 suitable forms of return to be transmitted to the Alder-  
9 men of the several cities, selectmen of the several  
10 towns and assessors of the several plantations in this  
11 State, on or before the first day of July next.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That all acts and  
2 parts of acts and all Resolves inconsistent with the  
3 provisions of this act, be and the same hereby are  
4 repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
JANUARY 27, 1837. }

This Bill, as taken into a New Draft, was read twice, and to-morrow [Saturday] assigned for a third reading; and five hundred copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

(Extract from the Journal.)

Attest, CHARLES WATERHOUSE, Clerk.